

Replacement Claim 23:

1 23. A method as recited in claim 29, wherein the sensed condition is a signal delay
2 measurement.

[Replacement Claim 24:]

1 24. A method as recited in claim 29, wherein the sensed condition is an error
2 correction measurement.

Renumbered claims 1-17 from Preliminary Amendment to read claims 29-45.

[Replacement Claim 29:]

1 29. A method of affecting an alerting signal of a telephone handset, comprising the
2 steps of:
3 sensing a condition related to a location of the handset; and
4 affecting a characteristic of the alerting signal based on the sensed condition.

[Replacement Claim 30:]

1 30. A method as recited in claim 29, wherein the telephone handset is a cordless
2 telephone handset.

[Replacement Claim 31:]

1 31. A method as recited in claim 30, wherein the location is sensed relative to a
2 corresponding base unit.

[Replacement Claim 32:]

1 32. A method as recited in claim 29, wherein the location is sensed relative to a
2 wireless transceiver.

[Replacement Claim 33:]

1 33. A method as recited in claim 29, wherein the characteristic is one of duration,
2 volume and tonal quality.

[Replacement Claim 34]

- 1 34. A method as recited in claim 29, wherein the condition is a received signal
2 strength indication.

[Replacement Claim 35]

- 1 35. A method as recited in claim 32, wherein the condition is a received signal
2 strength indication related to a signal from the wireless transceiver.

[Replacement Claim 36]

- 1 36. A method as recited in claim 35, wherein the wireless transceiver is part of a base
2 unit associated with the handset.

[Replacement Claim 37]

- 1 37. A method as recited in claim 36, wherein the base unit is a cordless telephone
2 base unit.

[Replacement Claim 38]

- 1 38. A method as recited in claim 29, wherein the condition is a signal delay
2 measurement.

[Replacement Claim 39]

- 1 39. A method as recited in claim 32, wherein the condition is a signal delay
2 measurement related to a signal from the wireless transceiver.

[Replacement Claim 40]

- 1 40. A method as recited in claim 39, wherein the wireless transceiver is part of a base
2 unit associated with the handset.

[Replacement Claim 41]

- 1 41. A method as recited in claim 40, wherein the base unit is a cordless telephone
2 base unit.

[Replacement Claim 42:]

- 1 42. A method as recited in claim 29, wherein the condition is an error related
2 measurement.

[Replacement Claim 43:]

- 1 43. A method as recited in claim 32, wherein the condition is an error related
2 measurement related to a signal from the wireless transceiver.

[Replacement Claim 44:]

- 1 44. A method as recited in claim 42, wherein the wireless transceiver is part of a base
2 unit associated with the handset.

[Replacement Claim 45:]

- 1 45. A method as recited in claim 44, wherein the base unit is a cordless telephone
2 base unit.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8, 23-24 and 29-45 are pending in the application. Of these , claims 3-4 and 8 are canceled. Thus, claims 1,5-7, 23-24 and 29-45 stand for further examination.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's guidance in re-numbering the claims for purposes of examination. The claim numbers are herein amended consistent with the Examiner's guidance.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over McCarthy in view of Bauer. Claim 1 is herein amended to more clearly recite that the alerting signal that is affected is "a page" alerting signal, and that the affect is to "a characteristic of" this signal. This is not taught